IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Franklin H. Portugal Examiner: J. Souaya

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Title: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR DIFFERENTIATING AMONG SHIGELLA SPECIES AND SHIGELLA FROM E. COLI SPECIES

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

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Sir:

Further to the Notice of Appeal dated August 1, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 12 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.

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